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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Gas Company, as a Gas Public
Utility, for Authority to Construct Additional Natural Gas
Facilities in the Village of Menomonee Falls, Waukesha
County, Wisconsin

6650-CG-195

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND INVESTIGATION
AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.49 and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 133.03, to determine whether Wisconsin Gas Company (WGC) should be authorized to construct certain natural gas facilities. On July 6, 1999, WGC applied for a certificate to construct additional natural gas facilities in the Village of Menomonee Falls, Waukesha County, Wisconsin.

WGC is a gas public utility as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5), with its principal office at 626 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. WGC is engaged in the business of distributing and selling natural gas in the City of Milwaukee and its suburban areas and in other Wisconsin cities, villages, and towns.

The new facilities would be located entirely in the Village of Menomonee Falls. Three miles of 12 inch steel gas main would be installed in or adjacent to the public right-of-way of Pilgrim Road between Good Hope Road and Lisbon Road. The direct cost of these new facilities would be approximately \$1,113,000.

The proposed project will connect two major natural gas supply lines for WGC's distribution system in the Milwaukee area. One of these supply originates at the Germantown gate station, and the other connects with WGC's Capitol Drive station. WGC believes that this connection will not only add system flexibility in terms of being able to choose among supply lines, but will also increase operational efficiencies and reliability.

All construction is planned to be in public right-of-way along Pilgrim Road between Good Hope Road and Lisbon Road. Easements for property adjacent to the public right-of-way would be required only if there are too many underground utilities in some portion of the public right-of-way. Due to coordination efforts with the State Department of Transportation authorities, the project may require a two-year period to complete.

No new customers are anticipated to be added in conjunction with this project. No facilities are anticipated to be retired in conjunction with this project.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary in order to carry out its duties to investigate the books, accounts, practices, and activities of Wisconsin Gas Company, as a gas public utility. The expenses incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from Wisconsin Gas Company as a gas public utility, under Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type II action under Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 4.10 (2). Commission staff will prepare an environmental assessment to determine if the preparation of an environmental impact statement is necessary under Wis. Stat. § 1.11. Persons wishing to contribute environmental information for consideration should contact Michael John Jaeger at (608) 267-2546, e-mail address: jaegem@psc.state.wi.us.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Michael John Jaeger at (608) 267-2546.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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